SARAH BANKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP

WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 21-23, 2020
Purpose/Goal of Tonight

• General overview/outline of the Class Trip

• Provide enough information to make an informed family decision

• Answer any questions about the trip
General Information

• Round trip transportation via deluxe highway motor coaches. Company: Trinity Transportation®

• Professional tour guides in D.C. Visiting National Monuments in Washington, D.C.

• Arlington National Cemetery

• Two nights lodging at hotels (Holiday Inn –College Park, MD)

• Numerous sightseeing and souvenir stops

• All meals included

• Class Trip hoodie included

• Dinner cruise on second night along the Potomac River

Cost of trip = $550.00
Wednesday, October 21
- 5:30 a.m. - Arrive to Banks for check in and load buses
- 6:00 a.m. - Depart for Washington, D.C.
- 5:30 p.m. – Arrive Washington, D.C.
- 5:30-8:45 p.m. – dinner, touring, (Iwo Jima, USAF, Pentagon Memorial)
- 9:30 p.m. - arrive at hotel (College Park, MD) - room checks and lights out

Thursday, October 22
- 7:30 a.m. - Buffet breakfast at hotel
- 8:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Touring Washington, D.C. with professional guides, including:
  - White House, Capitol, Washington Monument, Smithsonian, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, MLK, Vietnam Wall, etc.
- $12 cash provided for lunch
- 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. - Dinner and dancing onboard cruiser ship along the Potomac
- 10:00 p.m. - Hotel stay in College Park, MD

Friday, October 23
- 7:30 a.m. - Breakfast at hotel
- Arlington National Cemetery; Changing of the Guard @ Tomb of the Unknowns
- **Return to Sarah Banks approx. 11:00 p.m.**
Safety and Security

• Well informed student group – Two student meetings prior to departure
• 8:1 child to adult touring ratio
• Students always in group with chaperone (groups of 4)
• Individual ‘on your own’ is not allowed
• Each chaperone will have a cell phone, students have chaperone numbers
• All chaperones are staff of Sarah Banks/Walled Lake Schools
• Parents will have 24 hour emergency contact phone numbers
• Students will wear safety bracelets with contact information
At the Hotel

- No roaming around the hotel, no swimming
- Check-in is late, students are tired
- Students are encouraged to call home and say, “hello!”
- Must stay in assigned room, no room to room roaming
- Room check by chaperone at 10:15ish, then lights out
- Security guard on each floor
- Wake up call by @ 6:30 a.m. typically
**Student Behavior**

“WE ARE BANKS!”

Students are expected to maintain respectable and appropriate behavior at school. Students found in serious violation of the Student Code of Conduct, including, but not limited to suspension from school, persistent misbehavior, and significant academic concerns, may be exempt from the trip.

The 8th grade class trip is a privilege
What To Expect Next

- 1\textsuperscript{st} fundraiser in March - in school information on March 23
- Electronic mailing in May/June with updates, reminders…etc.
- Student/Chaperone meetings @ school in September and October
- Many electronic mailings in the fall prior to leaving
  - Medical form, complete itinerary, phone numbers, and last minute information
- Final Parent Meeting \textit{Wednesday, October 14* @ 6:30 p.m.} (Tentative date)
What To Do Next....

• To reserve your spot - Complete the “Reservation Form” along with a check or on-line payment of $150.00.
  • Checks payable to *Walled Lake Schools*
  • Use e-funds (access through Skyward)
  • **Reservation and deposit due: Monday, February 3, 2020**
  • Mail to Banks or drop off to Virginia Donn in main office

• If interested in fundraising opportunities, look for information to come home in late March after student presentation

• More info – [class trip website](#).
  • (Banks website, Students tab, 8th grade class trip)
Helpful Tips...

• This summer:
  • Begin your child on the couch to 5K program.
  • We walk A TON and our students have a hard time keeping up with the 40 and 50 year old chaperones!

• When you are out at a restaurant or fast food location:
  • Have your child order and pay for their order.
  • Have your child practice looking at the menu to see how much they can order within a budget.
Questions......